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DETAILED ACTION

NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF 37

CFR 1.192(c)

Appellant is required to comply with provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c).

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, Appellant must comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.192(c) within the longest of any of the following TIME PERIODS: (1) ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing of this communication; (2) within the time period for reply to the action from which appeal has been taken; or (3) within two months from the date of the notice of appeal under 37 CFR 1.191. Extensions of these time periods may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

The scope of the claims in the appendix of the appeal brief is not commensurate with the claims presented in the original application. Claims 1,5,7,8 and 10 have been modified and no longer have the same scope as the original and amended claims presented in the original application. Specifically:

Claim 1 has been modified to exclude "identical" in line 2 and newly include in line 4 "in a parallel configuration when the power cord is horizontally disposed."

Claim 5 has been modified to exclude in line 2 "circuit protection device" and newly include in line 2 "a ground fault circuit interrupt".

Claim 7 has been modified to newly include "tubular" in line 2.

Claim 8 has been modified to exclude in line 2 "restraints" and newly include in line 2 "tabs."

Claim 10 has been modified to exclude "strings of miniature lights" in line 5 and to exclude "anchoring structures" in line 8; and newly include "strings of lights" in line 5 and newly include "power supply cord anchoring structures" in line 8.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M Ton whose telephone number is (703) 305-1084. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (703) 305-4939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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